



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
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Ref: 18-F-0658

Ms. Beryl Lipton  
MuckRock  
DEPT MR 50517  
411A Highland Avenue  
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Ms. Lipton:

This is the final response to your March 13, 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. We received your request on the same day it was submitted and assigned it FOIA case number 18-F-0658 for tracking purposes. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

This office wrote to you on April 17, 2019; May 21, 2019; and June 5, 2019, requesting that you either narrow the scope of your request or provide additional information and clarification needed to process your request. Since we have not received a response from you, we are administratively closing this request for not being reasonably described. While this request is now closed in our office, you may, of course, submit a new request, providing greater specificity, at any time.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Darrell Williams, at 571-372-0462 or by email at [OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil](mailto:OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil). Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:

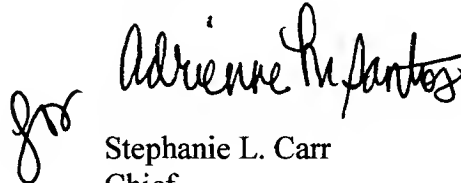
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You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to OCMO Office of the Chief Management Officer, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to [osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil](mailto:osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil). If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference case number 18-F-0658 in any appeal

correspondence.

If you have any questions about the foregoing, please do hesitate to contact, the Action Officer assigned to your request, Toni Wilkerson at [antoninette.r.wilkerson.civ@mail.mil](mailto:antoninette.r.wilkerson.civ@mail.mil) or 571-372-0429.

Sincerely,

  
Stephanie L. Carr  
Chief

Enclosure:  
As stated

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Requester Default Category: News Media

### Custom Fields

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### General Information

Action Office Instructions  
Request Type FOIA  
Requester Category News Media

### Shipping Address

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Country United States  
Zip Code 02144

### Request Information

Description Document March Madness 2018 - FOIA Request.pdf  
Description Please see attached FOIA request.  
Date Range for Record 11/08/2016  
Search:From  
Date Range for Record 03/13/2018  
Search:To

### Fee Information

Willing Amount \$25

### Custom Fields

Requester #

For the period Tuesday, November 8, 2016 through Tuesday, March 13, 2018:

(SUMMARY)

Any and all talking points and similar memorandums, emails, and transcripts providing advice or direction on how to handle the media, media interviews, and statements.

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(SPECIFICALLY)

Please include in your responsive materials any documents, emails, or communications with the following phrases in the title or subject line:

- TALKING POINTS
  - STMT
  - STATEMENT
  - PRESS STRATEGY
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It would be greatly appreciated if materials could be provided on a rolling basis.

1. In the Office of Public Affairs or equivalent division

Please provide first all such materials produced in this agency's Office of Public Affairs or equivalent division, and any representative thereof.

Please also provide all such materials received by this agency's Office of Public Affairs or equivalent division, and any representative thereof.

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Alternative Response to 2:

**Gaylord, Brandon J CIV WHS ESD (US)**

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**From:** 50517-02128517@requests.muckrock.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 12:45 AM  
**To:** Gaylord, Brandon J CIV WHS ESD (US)  
**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] RE: Freedom of Information Act Request #18-F-0658

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Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency — DARPA FOIA Office  
1155 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-1155

March 23, 2018

This is a follow up to request number 18-F-0658:

Hi Brandon,

I'm interested in both DARPA Public Affairs materials and responsive materials from DARPA overall. I know that's likely a voluminous ask, but if it would be possible to get an estimate, I'd appreciate it very much.

Thanks so much for your help!

Best,  
Beryl

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Let us know how we are doing: Caution-<https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=card&sp=125562&s=110>

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

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On March 13, 2018:

Dear Beryl Lipton,

Case Number 18-F-0658 has been assigned to the request you submitted. In all future correspondence regarding this request please reference case number 18-F-0658.

Regards,

OSD/JS FOIA Requester Service Center  
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On March 13, 2018:

Dear Beryl Lipton,

On a request made to the agency for your forgotten User Name, we are providing you with the details of your login.

User Name:

50517-02128517@requests.muckrock.com

Regards,

OSD/JS FOIA Requester Service Center  
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On March 13, 2018:

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

For the 16-month, 5-day period from Tuesday, November 8, 2016 through Tuesday, March 13, 2018:

(SUMMARY)

Any and all talking points and similar memorandums, emails, and transcripts providing advice or direction on how to handle the media, media interviews, and statements.

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